GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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TRADE AGREEMENT WITH HONGKONG
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hong-Kong has expressed its willingness to extend mutual cooperation and support to the state of Andhra Pradesh in various fields including information technology ;

(b) if so, whether any trade delegation from Hong-Kong visited Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, whether any agreement has been signed with Hong-Kong for improving the trade with India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) During the visit of Hon`ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Mr. N. Chandrababu Naidu on 26-27 October 2000, Hong Kong authorities expressed interest in co-operation with India in the field of Information Technology, including Students Exchange Programme, utilising offshore capabilities of Indian IT Parks, etc.

On 24 February 2000, India and Hong Kong have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on co-operation in Information Technology and Services.

(b), (c) and (d) :No trade delegation from Hong Kong has visited Andhra Pradesh since the visit of Hon`ble Chief Minister of Andhra pradesh Mr. N. Chandrababu Naidu.